Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gene Rowenhorst grew up on a farm between Parker and Marion, South Dakota, and attended the University of South Dakota where he received his B.S. and M.B.A degrees; and,

Whereas, Prior to Gene's association with Citigroup, he practiced as a public accountant for 5 years, and also held positions in Audit and Financial Control within the banking industry in the states of Idaho and South Dakota; and,

Whereas, On June 23, 1980, Gene Rowenhorst became the first employee of Citibank in South Dakota, and was instrumental in establishing the bank and embarking on a journey that would change both Citigroup and the state of South Dakota forever; and,

Whereas, Gene is a Senior Vice President, Deputy Director of Community Development for Citigroup, and has also served as a member of the Board of Directors, and he will be remembered for his commitment to providing decent, safe, and affordable housing for families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities through his assistance to the establishment of over 1,700 units of housing across the state with project costs in excess of $102 million; and,

Whereas, Through Gene's work with the Governor's Office of Economic Development and the creation of the MicroLOAN South Dakota program, many rural communities continue to thrive, and larger communities, like Sioux Falls, are able to benefit from a loan program to expand and entice new businesses to the area; and,

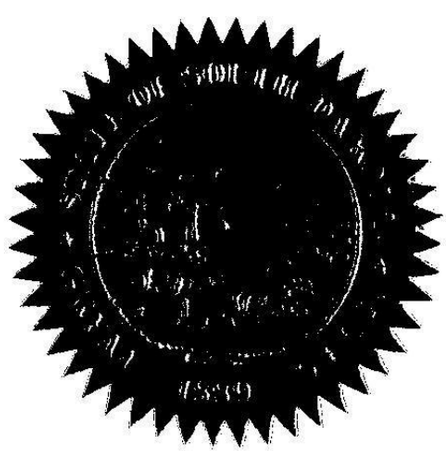
Whereas, Gene and his wife, Vicky, reside in Sioux Falls, and that community will be forever indebted to him for the many hours, talent, and expertise he has shared through his work with the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, Sioux Empire Housing Partnership, United Way of Sioux Falls, as well as statewide involvement in the Governor's Economic Advisory Council, South Dakota Bankers Association, Junior Achievement, Community Disabilities Services, Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, South Dakota Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the South Dakota Investment Council; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that Gene's colleagues, family, and friends will have an opportunity to thank him for his service to Citigroup, congratulate him on a stellar career, and wish him good health and happiness in his retirement at an event in his honor on June 30, 2004:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2004, as

GENE ROWENHORST DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State